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TO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES PRIORITY

INFO AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, MILI, AR, CI

SUBJECT: SALE OF LOCKHEED TANKER AIRCRAFT TO ARGENTINA

1. AS A RESULT OF THE BEAGLE CHANNEL CONTROVERSY, THE  
DEPARTMENT WITHHELD ACTION ON THE SALE OF TWO LOCKHEED  
TANKER AIRCRAFT TO ARGENTINA. WHILE THESE AIRCRAFT ARE  
EXPECTED TO BE USED APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT OF THE TIME  
IN ANTARCTICA AND HAVE IMPORTANT SEARCH AND RESCUE  
FEATURES, WE DECIDED TO ACT CAUTIOUSLY IN THE UNLIKELY  
EVENT THAT THE BEAGLE CHANNEL CONTROVERSY BECAME MORE  
SERIOUS.

2. IT NOW APPEARS THAT THE BEAGLE ISSUE HAS QUIETED DOWN  
AND WILL BE A MATTER FOR ARGENTINE AND CHILEAN NEGOTIATORS  
TO RESOLVE DIPLOMATICALLY. IT, THEREFORE, APPEARS THAT  
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THE GROUNDS FOR HOLDING UP THE KC-130 SALE NO LONGER  
EXIST. BEFORE MOVING AHEAD ON THIS SALE, WHICH REQUIRES  
CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION, WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING  
WHETHER ADDRESSEES AGREE THAT BEAGLE QUESTION IS NO  
LONGER GROUNDS FOR INACTION. VANCE

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